

Art Unit: 2873

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: It is agreed with the applicant's arguments on pages 5 to 7 that the applicant points out the deficiencies in the Guirao reference compare to the claimed invention, as claimed. The prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest, either alone or in combining with any other references to meet the limitations as claimed in claims 10 and 17 either under 35 USC 102 or 103. Therefore claims 10-17 and 19-21 could be allowable over the prior art of record.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy K. Mai whose telephone number is (571) 272-2334. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky L. Mack can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1562.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2873

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